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CIRCULATION DAILY HURRIYET JULY 10 REPORTING INTERVIEW WITH
REP. BRADEMAS BY DOGAN ULUC WITH WASHINGTON DATELINE:

BEGIN TEXT.

(HEADLINE: THE EMBARGO MAY BE LIFTED CONDITIONALLY FOR A MOMENT.)

CONGRESSMAN JOHN BRADEMAS (INDIANA DEMOCRAT), LEADER OF
THE GREEK PRESSURE GROUP, WHO IS GREEK ON HIS FATHER'S SIDE, GAVE
A SPECIAL INTERVIEW TO ME YESTERDAY AND SAID:

"IT IS NEITHER TURKEY'S FAULT NOR GREECE'S FAULT. THE SOLE
CULPRIT (RESPONSIBLE) FOR BRINGING THESE TWO COUNTRIES TO THE
THRESHOLD OF WAR IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER,
SUPERMAN HENRY IS TO BLAME.

"KISSINGER, WITH FALSE AND UNFOUNDED PROMISES, DELAYED YOU,
THE TURKS, FOR MONTHS. HE SAID, DO NOT WORRY; I WILL LIFT THE
EMBARGO. THE EMBARGO CANNOT BE LIFTED EITHER BY THE 'GREAT HENRY'
OR BY PRESIDENT FORD. ONLY THE US CONGRESS WILL DECIDE ON THIS.

"BECAUSE OF HIS ERRONEOUS POLICY, KISSINGER HAS HARMED
TURKEY, GREECE, AND THE ENTITY OF NATO, US INTERESTS. ONE CANNOT
BUT WONDER AT THE NAIVETE SHOWN BY TURKEY. HOW IS IT THAT THE
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TURKISH GOVERNMENT, DELAYED BY KISSINGER'S PROMISES FOR SO

MANY MONTHS, DID NOT HEED THE MOVEMENT AGAINST TURKEY IN THE US CONGRESS, AND TOLD THE PRESS ' THE US WILL NOT LEAVE US WITHOUT ARMS, IT CANNOT DO THIS. KISSINGER HAS PROMISED US THE EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED', AND WASTED THEIR TIME. THE OTHER DAY, AT A GATHERING

AT WHICH KISSINGER TOO WAS PRESENT, I WARNED PRESIDENT FORD THAT 'IF A LAWFUL AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED IN CYPRUS, CONGRESS WOULD NOT LIFT THE EMBARGO'... IN SPITE OF THE ATMOSPHERE AGAINST TURKEY IN CONGRESS, THEY ARE LOBBYING AND TRYING TO INFLUENCE CONGRESSMEN IN FAVOR OF TURKEY. I REPEAT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBARGO TO BE LIFTED. IT IS NECESSARY THAT TURKEY SHOW UNDERSTANDING TOO."

I THEN SAID: "IF THE EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED, THE STATUS OF US BASES IN TURKEY AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL UNDERGO A SERIOUS CHANGE. IT WILL LEAD TO THE LOSS OF IMPORTANT STRATEGIC BASES FOR THE

UNITED STATES, WILL HARM NATO AND PERHAPS CAUSE A GOVERNMENT CRISIS IN TURKEY. THE COURSE YOU ARE FOLLWOING IS WRONG, THE POLICY YOU PURSUE WILL BE HARMING WESTERN SECURITY, PEACE IN THE ME AND NATO."

BRADEMAS REPLIED: "YESTERDAY I MET WITH AN OPPOSITION DEPUTY WHO CAME FROM GREECE AND WE LUNCHEDED TOGETHER. THE GREEK DEPUTY SAID TO ME: 'IF THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, BEFORE A SOLUTION IS OBTAINED FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, A GOVERNMENT CRISIS WILL OCCUR IN GREECE AND DEMOCRACY WILL BE ENDANGERED.' THE SAME SITUATION IS VALID FOR TURKEY. IF HE MAKES CONCESSIONS, ECEVIT WILL ATTACK DEMIREL. I AM A POLITICIAN, I KNOW THIS WELL. IF DEMIREL GRANTS A SINGLE CONCESSION TO GREECE FOR CYPRUS, ECEVIT WILL TRY TO CRUSH DEMIREL. BUT IT IS NECESSARY TO STUDY THE SUBJECT FROM THE ASPECT OF GREECE AS WELL AS FROM TURKEY'S ASPECT. A UNILATERAL CONCESSION CANNOT BE MADE. YOU HAVE TO SHOW EFFORT TOO IN ORDER TO HAVE THE EMBARGO LIFTED."

BRADEMAS DESCLOSED THAT A NEW PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE TO PRESIDENT FORD TO FACILITATE THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TOWARDS ITS PUBLIC OPINION. BRADEMAS SAID; "WHAT I TOLD PRESIDENT FORD WAS: 'LET US LIFT THE EMBARGO FOR A NOMTH, LET US SHIP ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT WAITING AT STORAGE DEPOTS TO TURKEY, BUT AFTER THAT, AFTER A CERTAIN TIME, LET THE TURKS ALLOW SOME OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES IN CYPRUS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES, AND SHOW CERTAIN FACILITIES SUCH AS REDUCING THE NUMBERS OF THEIR FORCES.'

KISSINGER SUBMITTED MY PROPOSAL TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, BUT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THEM. KISSINGER SAID 'THE TURKS ARE VERY STUBBORN, THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THIS.' BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE PRESENTED THIS PROPOSAL TO THE TURKS.

"I AM NOT AN ENEMY OF THE TURKS AND THERE ARE NOT MANY GREEKS
IN MY CONSTITUENCY, AS REPORTED IN THE TURKISH PRESS. I AM DOING
MY DUTY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LAW AS AN AMERICAN CONGRESS-
MAN," STATED BRADEMÁS. DURING THIS INTERVIEW HE REFERRED
NUMEROUS TIME TO HURRIYET AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS READING
HURRIYET CLOSELY...

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